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SUBJ: FURTHER GORSE STATEMENTS ON LEBANON

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1. AFP REPORTS THAT AFTER APRIL 20 MEETING WITH
GISCARD, EMISSARY GEORGES GORSE TOLD THE PRESS THAT IF
THERE WERE SOLELY BASIC PROBLEMS IN LEBANON, "I WOULD
SAY THAT WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO SOLVING THEM". HE SAID
THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT A MILITARY VICTORY IS IM-
POSSIBLE AND THAT THE FUTURE CANNOT BE FOUNDED ON THE
HUMILIATION OF OTHERS. "UNFORTUNATELY, THE
PROBLEMS ARE NOT SOLELY BASIC. ONE HAS TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT THE INTERVENTIONS OF EVERY SORT WHICH ARE GOING
ON AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET THE LEBANESE TO SIT DOWN

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AROUND THE TABLE TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY THEIR FUTURE".

2. AS FOR ALLEGED FRENCH PLANS TO INTERVENE, GORSE
SAID: "THAT IS STILL UNDER STUDY AND I CANNOT GO
BEYOND THAT TODAY. I WOULD ADD, HOWEVER, THAT IF IT
APPEARED NECESSARY FOR FRANCE TO PARTICIPATE A LITTLE
MORE DIRECTLY IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CEASEFIRE
AND IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF SECURITY CON-
TROL, OUR GOVERNMENT MIGHT EXAMINE THIS PROBLEM. BUT
IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SUCH PARTICIPATION TO BE
REQUESTED AND ACCEPTED BY ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES,
WHICH WOULD NOT BE EASY".
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